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GOLD MINES.

MESSRS. STURGES—CROPS, &C.

RANSOM'S BRIDGE, N. C., July 1879.

EDITORS ROANOKE NEWS: In my late letter, I wrote you in reference to the gold deposits and digging near this place; and now that gold mining in our State is begining to attract the attention of eastern capitalists, permit me to remark that gold mining operations have been going on in and near this place for the past forty years. Parties confining them selves to surface washing proper, with the old style cumbrous rocks, made for years what was considered fortunes; while to many others surface washing was far more profitable than farming. It is estimated that the entire gold yeld in this immediate vicinity has not been much short of one million of dollars; and strange to say judging from the value of the tailings, not more than twenty-five per cent of the fine flat gold has been saved. Just here I take occasion to say, if any party will invent and bring with him a machine that will save fine flat gold particles, the Messrs. Sturges will ensure him a large field of operation, with almost a positive certainty of a large fortune in a few months.

Years ago, Dr. Emmons, our state geologist, threw rather a damper upon any extensive gold researches in this locality by expressing the opinion that the indications were against any gold bearing quartz veins in this section of country. Subsequent developements, however, have proved Dr. Emmons to have been sadly in error, with all of his justly recognized geological knowledge. The Messrs. Sturges have struck withing the past few months a number of small and well defined rich gold bearing quartz veins, taken out of some of them, in a few hours, hundreds of dollars of the purest virgin gold.

We have a large field just around this place, that would, no doubt, interest the practical geologist and scientific miner, and we do most cordially invite them to pay their respects to these the most inviting gold fields in North Carolina.

That there is one or more large mother veins in or near the famous Joyner Hill, no one can doubt who has any practical knowledge of geology, and will examine for himself.

Surface washings, together with the effects of rain, freezes and solar heat have brought to view very many small quartz veins; very many of which carry gold. In my humble opinion, these small veins are the sources from whence all our loose gold has come. If these small veins have contributed so much to the pocket of the operatives, how much might we reasonably hope to realize from striking and working the mother veins? Millions Mr. Editor.

This mine of Messrs. Sturges is on the hills near the confluence of big Shocco and big Fishing Creeks, at an altitude of about one hundred and fifty feet above the bed-rock of the last mentioned stream. Gold washings on the hills, on both sides of this latter stream, have paid well, and with proper machinery will again be remunerative. You may be surprised when I say that every pan-full of surface or branch gravel within a radius of one half mile of Joyner Hill will show gold. This fact goes to prove how general the distribution of the "precious stuff" in and around Ransoms Bridge. Yet the value of these mines is but little known in or outside of North Carolina. With the exception of the investment of the Messrs. Sturges, nine tenths of all the capital ever invested in these mines came from the pockets of native North Carolenians.

Many, eastern capitalists seem to become infatuated over a gold or silver discovery in the West, and buy with avidity, and often to their serious hurt, any mining stocks that are thrown upon the market. But lately as the papers inform me, about $10 000 000 are ready for investment in Western mining stocks. I would advise them to invest nearer home, so that they may be nearer the shore when these Western mining stock panics came along. While I do not mean, or desire to underestimate the wealth and mineral resources of the great and enterprising West, its mining history to date, shows how inconsiderately many eastern capitalists have placed their loose change. (Bring it about Ransoms Bridge gentleman, and we will make it pay you a big profit.) Could I but speak to them face to face, "I would a tale unfold," not to harrow up their souls; but to soothe and make glad their gold bewildered financial visions. It is quite surprising how capitalists may be easily prejudiced against any particular locality or enterprise. Selfishness, Mr. Editor, furnishes both the top and bottom layers of human existence, and between them how hard to find a truly public spirited, generous, and charitable heart. Yet it is consoling to meet "a body" with such a heart occasionally. Individual selfishness has done more to retard and hinder successful mining operations about here than all other causes put together.

We especially invite capitalists with some practical mining information to visit us, and we will promise them better paying investments than putting their money in mines thousands of miles away from them, or in real estate of uncertain and fictitious value.

In conclusion, I request to say that our crops are suffering for want of rain, corn especially. Very truly,

WILCUMA.

A FISHING HOG.

An account of a remarkable incident comes from Aurora, Ind. A few days ago, as a trio of young men, one a son of a prominent citizen of this city, were fishing for bass in Hogan Creek, near Aurora, they were disturbed by a splash in the water, as of some animal jumping into the stream. Looking in the direction, they saw a large black hog, which had evidently come down from among the roaming lot of porkers which make life a burden in and around the town, swimming rapidly to the centre of the pool, which was about 100 feet wide and eight feet deep. At about the centre the animal disappeared, remaining under the water for a considerable time, and on reappearing was seen to have in his mouth a live bass about eight inches long, with which he swam ashore, and proceeded to eat with the avidity and relish peculiar to his species. After having swallowed the last vestige, with a grunt the animal again betook himself to the water, and again dived to the bottom. Coming up with a snort, he made again for the shore with another fish, which he dispatched as quickly as before. This was repeated a third time, and on the fourth trip the animal secured a small turtle, which it also carried ashore, and after some difficulty managed to dispatch, breaking the shell with its strong teeth, after which it ambled off, satisfied with its fishing experiences of the day.

THE Editor of this paper is in no way responsible for the views or statements of Correspondents. No communications of an anonymous character will be published; the real name of the writer must accompany all communications. Any one who may feel aggrieved at statements made by correspondents can obtain the name on application to the Editor.

Correspondents will please write only on one side of the paper, and to avoid having their communications thrown in the waste basket, will furnish their names—not necessarily for publication—but as a guaranty of good faith. We will not notice anonymous correspondence.

☞A CARD.—I do not intend to discontinue the practice of law, on account of my connection with the ROANOKE NEWS. But will attend promptly to all business entrusted to my care.

W. W. HALL.

L O C A L.

TRAVEL over the various Railroads is good now.

ECLIPSE 4 horse engine for sale, apply to JAS. T. Gooch.

BAD colds seem to be prevailing among some of our citizens.

FOR SALE.—A fine new top buggy cheap. Apply at this office.

50 barrels of Standard Extra flour for sale by J. T. Gooch.

100 bbls new family flour just received for sale low. J. T. Gooch.

OUR Enfield letter gives an account of the recent boiler explosion.

500 Bushels of bolted meal for sale low. J. T. Gooch.

MRS. S. S. ALSOP of Enfield, died on the 23rd instant in the 27th year of her age.

ANOTHER residence will soon be built in town. We would like to see fifty going up.

Go to R. F. Butler at Brown's drug store, and insure before you are burnt out.

MRS. MARTHA ARRINGTON an aged lady living near Kingswood, died on the 25th of this month.

WANTED.—10,000 bushels of wheat highest market prices paid. Apply to J. T. Gooch.

THE reward offered by Sheriff Dawson was for Moses Manly instead of Dock Wade as printed.

R. F. BUTLER can furnish Metalic Burial Cases, all sizes, at factory prices, at Browns Drug Store.

EVERYTHING you desire can be found at W. H. Brown's store on the corner. Boots and Shoes a specialty.

One of the town pumps is now in working order, and parties who are thirsty can drink when they please.

Sheet music of all kinds can be had at publishers prices by applying to Andrew Joyner, at the post office.

THE family of Rev. A. R. Raven has gone to the up-country to spend the remainder of the summer.

THERE is some talk of a large school being established in this place. It has been talked of for several years.

THE executive committee of the R. & T. R. A. Society, meets here on Monday next. A full attendance is requested.

TO DAY is the last of July. One more month numbered with the past. How fast time flies and how little note we take of it.

THE ordinance of Baptism was administered in the Baptist church on Monday night by Rev. Mr. Pason to one candidate.

S. W. PARKER of Enfield, passed through here on Friday with his family, en route to Oxford where they will spend the summer.

BROTHER HORNSON of the Wilson Advance called to see us Friday. A pleasant hour with him made us feel better. We hope he will call often.

THERE are no cases of scarlet fever in Halifax, and no others will probably occur. So the physicians think.

THE aged mother and two brothers of Mr. Partin who was killed by the boiler explosion at Enfield last week live in Ringwood.

THE marriage fever in this section seems to have abated. Cold weather will alter statistics we think, if observation of past seasons is any criterion to judge by.

SEVERAL northern gentlemen passed through here Tuesday on a visit to the Portis gold mine in the upper portion of this county, near Ransom's bridge.

A fish fry was enjoyed by a favored few near here last week. Where they got the fish from we don't know as there was no water in the creek they caught them from.

THE next term of the Interior court is but little more than two weeks off. Large dockets will have to be disposed of. We will publish a list of the jurors next week.

THE rains in this immediate section have been heavier than in other parts of the county. Above here there has been but little rain and the crops still suffer greatly.

THE health of this section is fine now, so we learn from Mr. R. F. Butler who sells burial cases. He has not had a call for one in sometime and no prospects for an order.

UP to the middle of last week there had been no rain in the Ringwood section of the county and the crops were nearly exhausted then. We have had no later news from there.

SEVERAL nights during last week it was cold enough to make light blankets comfortable. The first time such a thing has happened in July within the memory of the oldest.

EVERY magistrate in the county should attend the meeting of the board in Halifax on Monday next. Matters of importance to the people should have the attention of a full board.

THERE seems to be much interest taken by the physicians of the county in the establishment of the board of health. A large attendance may be expected in Halifax next Monday.

NOTICE.—We are authorized to announce that Dr. A. B. Pierce is a candidate for the position of Superintendant of health for Halifax county to be elected by the county board of health.

MARRIED.—At the Episcopal church in Wilson, N. C., by Rev. B. S. Bronson, on July 23rd, Mr. W. H. G. Scott of Enfield to Miss Flora, daughter of W. M. Gay, Esq., of Wilson.

WE return thanks to our correspondent G. E. M. for items this week. His notes and letters are always welcome. We get many items of news through his agency. We want them oftener.

LIGHTNING killed two fine horses for Mr. Hyman, of Kingwood, on Wednesday of last week. The horses were in the field and there was only one thunder clap about 12 o'clock and the horses were killed.

WE publish on our first page an article on money. It was handed us by a gentleman of culture, and we publish it so that our readers may see something of the things of which we have sometimes heard.

THE Halifax base ball club played a match game with the Scotland Neck club last Thursday at Crowells X Roads. A rain ended the game after the third inning. We did not learn what the score was.

THE letter which we publish in another column about the Kansas fever gives some good advice to the colored people and we direct their attention to it. It is written by one for whose opinion they should have high respect.

MR. W. I. WINFIELD and family, will not return to Weldon in the fall as their friends hoped. He will make his home elsewhere. They will be greatly missed in this community. We wish them well wherever they go.

DR. MCDONALD preached at the Baptist church here during last week and well sustained the reputation that preceded him. Under his preaching five or six people joined the church, four of whom were admitted by baptism.

THE river is rising this morning and the prospects for a freshet, are good if the recent rains have been general. When it does come it is, probable that it will be a large one and those living or farming on the river might as well be prepared for it as well as they can.

AN excursion from Portsmouth on Wednesday of last week brought over several hundred people to Weldon. The excursion was under the management of the employees of the Seaboard road, which always does everything it can for the comfort and pleasure of those who work for it.

THE commissioners have commenced cutting the hill in Washington avenue made by the old Petersburg Railroad. When the grade is completed the street will be much improved. The dirt taken from the street is used to fill the low place on the corner of the property belonging to the Literary Society.

THE Petersburg base ball club, colored, met the Halifax colored club here last Monday and commenced a match game. They played only a short time, when the game was called on account of rain, but the game was afterwards finished, resulting in a defeat of the Petersburg club. They came on an excursion train, but very few visitors came with them.

THE Kehukee Baptists will hold their annual association this year at Kehukee church near the town of Scotland Neck.

This is one of the oldest churches in the State and since its organization has had a large membership composed of some of the best and most substantial citizens of the county. The church building several years ago was moved from its old site to a point nearer town.

WE had the pleasure of meeting in town last Tuesday, Prof. Charles Fetter, of the Garysburg Male Academy. We cheerfully recommend Prof. Fetter to the people. Our citizens should especially send their boys to him. Garysburg is only two miles from Weldon, and that would be a nice walk for them. The exercise would be greatly beneficial to their health and better fit them for studying.

WE learn that a gentleman living near the corporate limits of the town has offered a site for a school house, and that five hundred dollars have been subscribed to build one. Should the house be built, there is no more beautiful place for it than on the hill near the residence of Judge Lynch, and a spring of as pure water as is in this part of the State will be near enought for use by the school.

FINE WATERMELON.—B. F. Gary, Esq., of Halifax, sent us last Monday the largest watermelon we have seen this season. It was as sweet and fine flavored as one could wish. This one was not picked out but an average one. He sent some to other friends equally as large and nice. We do not understand why Mr. Gary always has such fine melons. But he does regardless of dry weather, wet wet weather or no weather at all.

TO BE PAVED.—The town commissioners as soon as the grading is completed, will begin to pave the walk on the Western side of Washington Avenue, from Mr. R. W. Daniel's store to Mr. Whitfield's corner. The owners of the property on the street agreed to pay one half of the expense. This show the enterprise of our commissioners and the public spirit of our citizens generally. We hope the work will not stop until at least one walk on every street is paved.

GARYSBURG ACADEMY.—This Academy begins its first session on the 2nd Monday in September next, under the management of Prof. Chas. Fetter, who has had eleven years experience as a teacher, and has given general satisfaction. The school is located at Garysburg, where society is excellent and the climate fine and healthy. The course is thorough and practical, boys being prepared for college or for entering at once into the active duties of life.

Board can be obtained at ten dollars per month.

ASSESSORS.—Messrs. Eaton P. Powell and E. A. Thorne, assessors of real estate for the county at large, were in town Monday and Tuesday assessing land for purposes of taxation. They have been nearly over the whole county and and say that the valuation has been slightly increased while in Weldon township, it has been until now valued at a higher figure than any where else. The valuation in Weldon township was somewhat reduced. The commissioners could not have selected two more conscientious just men than these gentlemen. Parties not satisfied with the valuation put upon their property by these gentlemen will have an opportunity on Monday next of making complaint before the board of county commissioners in Halifax if they desire.

THE boy stood on the backyard fence, whence all but him had fled. The flames that lit his father's barn shone just above the shed. One bunch of crackers in his hand two others in his hat, with piteous accents loud he cried "I never thought of that!" A bunch of crackers to the tail of one small dog he'd tied. The dog in anguish sought the barn and laid its ruins died. The sparks flew wild and red and hot, they lit upon that brat; they fired the crackers in his hand and those in his hat. Then came a burst of rattling sound—the boy! Where was he gone? Ask of the winds that far around strewed bits of meat and bone, and scraps of clothes, and balls, and tops, and nails, and hooks, and yarn, the relics of the dreadful boy that burned his father's barn.

VISITING.—Mr. R. B. Brickell, of this county, left last week for Asheville, "the land of the skies." We wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Misses Maggie S., and Grace B. Sledge, are visiting friends and relations in the Littleton section. We hope they may be much benefited in health by their visit.

Mr. J. L. Williams and family, of this county left here last Monday to spend a few days at Cary, N. C. Cary is in a very healthy locality and they will doubtless be much benefited by their trip.

IT CAN'T BE LONG OFF.—We are very confident there will be a marriage in town soon, and we think our readers will readily agree with us too, when they read below what we happened to hear a "certain fellow" say to his girl the other night:

"Oh, my darling, your voice is as musical to me as a vesper bell, whose tones fall softly on the perfumed evening air. Speak again and say those words, my beloved, for I could listen to your voice until the stars are extinguished into everlasting night!"

We will not, however, divulge his name this time, but advise him not talk so loud while swinging on the front gate.

A BRIDGE.—A plan is on foot to build a bridge across the river on the site of the old Petersburg Railroad bridge and two thousand dollars has been subscribed as stock. A bridge across the river between this and Northampton county is greatly needed, and no place would suit better than that mentioned. If the use of the old piers can be obtained the construction of the bridge will be made easy. The river is narrower there than at any other point and the bridge would be above ordinary high water mark. Do not let the matter rest until the bridge rests on the piers and Weldon will be greatly benefited.

GREAT attractions at Prescott and Gooch's. Fresh arrival of early spring fabrics, spring prints standard makes, new paterns and colors. Soft finish cambrics, best qualities from 10 to 15 cents. Bleached goods for service, quality and good wear at panic prices. Gents Hats unprecedented low prices. Shoes of the finest quality and best make at such a bargain never offered South of Baltimore, all styles for ladies, gentlemen and children from seventy-five cents up. Elegant suits for gentlemen, Drap d' Ete, cassemeres, tweeds, flannels &c., from $7.50 up to $25.00. Full line of groceries. Coffee at 10, 15, 20 and 25 cents per pound. Beautiful white sugar at 8 and 10 cents per pound. Black and green teas &c., &c. exceeding low for cash.

NOTICE! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!!—Just received, the following goods at the wholesale and retail store of James T. Gooch: 500 lbs Hams, 2000 C. R. Sides, 3000 lbs Bulk Shoulders, 150 Sacks Liverpool Salt, 50 Bbls Family Four, 20 Bbls Sugar, all grades, 10 Bags Coffee, all grades, 50 Boxes Soaps, 500 lbs Lard in 1 to 10 lb packages, 50 Reams Wrapping Paper, 20 Gross Scotch Snuff, 20 Boxes Tobacco, 10 Bbls Herrings, Prime Carolina Rice, Hog Round, North Carolina cured, Cooking Soda, Spice, Pepper, Mustard, Starch, Blueing, Candles, Matches, &c.

Will sell wholesale, at Richmond, and Baltimore prices, freight added.

JAMES T. GOOCH, Weldon N. C.

MR. F. H. SMITH has been spending a few days with us, he has some beautiful nuggets of gold, extracted from his mine in Davidson. The gold is of the kind, termed by miners Chrystalline, and very rarely found in North Carolina. The nuggets in their natural state, will make prettier jewelry than can be produced by the most cunning workman.

The precious stuff referred to, was obtained (by the process known as sluicing) from the surface earth, which varies in thickness from three to eighteen feet. The bed rock is slate. His mining tract contains four hundred acres, and over the whole portion of its area, gold has been found. There are also six auriferous veins on the property, from which we have seen some very handsome ore. This mine has been examined and favorably reported upon by Geologists Emmons and Eights. The mines of our State are attracting much attention—and offer greater inducements to investors than the mines of the far West, for the ores are as rich and abundant, labor fuel, and all kinds of supplies cheaper, and extremes of neither heat nor cold prevent out door exercise at all seasons of the year. Mining is now conducted on principles as strictly legitimate as the banking business.

OUR SCOTLAND NECK LETTER.

RAIN—PROTRACTED MEETING—NEW BUILDINGS—FLOUR MILLS.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., July 28th, 1879.

DEAR NEWS: After a drouth of some six or seven weeks duration, we this evening had a refreshing and copious rain, its fertilizing effects are plainly visible on vegitation of every kind, the corn and crops will be greatly benefited and farmers may yet realize a bountiful crop, both of cotton and corn. Oh, how thankful we should all be to the Giver of all blessings we so little deserve.

The meeting at the Methodist church here is still going on. The Rev. Mr. Mann on yesterday, (Sunday,) preached a very fine and interesting sermon, his text was from Hebrews 15th chapter part of 5 and 6 verses, "For He hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee, so that we may boldly say, the Lord is my keeper." His sermon was very entertaining and instructive, showing that the Lord always helped those that asked Him for help and rely on his promises. Rev. Mr. Cook occupied the pulpit last night he also preached an interesting sermon; he informed his congregation that there were no children in heaven and he would prove it before he was through, that there were no poor people there and would prove it, and turning to the gallery to the colored people, told them there were no colored persons there, told them not to get mad for he would prove it to them before he was through; all of which he proved from the Bible to the satisfaction of every one present I suppose, at least did to your correspondent. There was some interest manifested in the meeting this morning, some three or more penitants at the altar.

Captain Kitchin's large brick building is nearing comoletion, at least the walls are rapidly going up, the third story is to go up, then it will be ready for the roof, yet his grist and flour mills are now in complete working order. He has a fine set of bolting cloths, and can put up a superior article of flour. These farmers having wheat to convert into flour would do well to patronise his mill.

Walking through our town a few days since I counted seven new buildings going up, though times are said to be hard yet improvements in our town continue to increase. Mr. Jno. C. Pittman will erect a brick store near the centre of the town adjoining the store of Messrs. N. Biggs & Co., and when completed will add greatly to the beauty of our place.

Your friend, ALOA.

COMMUNICATED.

The reappearance of the yellow fever in Memphis makes us naturally turn our thoughts to our own sanitary condition, for though we need never fear yellow fever here. We may very reasonably fear some other disease equally as fatal to some of us—for "I had as liave die with a fever as an ague" is a saying that speaks for itself.

We have seen cases of "Roanoke fever" which is a type of yellow fever—a very malignant type of malarial fever, and we are now so much exposed to all the ravages of malaria, that cities or towns with any sanitary regulations what ever would never allow, and as at present we have no other sanitary board than our commissioners we naturally turn to them, expecting them to abate the nuisances as far as they can. Let us look at a few, commencing at the canal basin, which though it may be a necessity, still it should be kept clean. As it is, it is a cesspool for one third of the town and as is frequently the case during the summer months, the water is allowed to run off, leaving several acres of mud mixed with all the filth of the neighborhood exposed to the rays of an almost torrid sun, which rapidly converts the whole matter into most poisonous malaria. Another, the uncovered sewer which runs very sluggishly and sometimes not atal through the business portion of the town, even directly under the windows and in some places under the houses without any covering but the floors of said houses. This sewer drains a large portion of the town and is used as a convenient drain for many private uses. Another, there is a low place at the corner of Washington Avenue and 2nd street on the Literary Society property, which is also a kind of cesspool with an apology for a drain, but as is often the case the water after a good rain dams up there over overflowing the sidewalk and then slowly drains off after two or three days—leaving the sun to convert the deposit into malaria for the benefit of the good people who it seems enjoy it. Certainly they do not complain much. Now suppose our commissioners take steps to abate these nuisances, either at the town's expense or by making the owners of property on which these nuisances are, put them in good clean healthy condition, I think it is a duty they owe the people that they exercise their full authority to this end and I sincerely hope they will recognize it and attend to it immediately.

I will have something more to say on this subject in another issue of your paper.

Yours truly,

HEALTH.

PROFESSOR CRAPP'S METHOD.

BY MAX ADELER.

"You charge Professor Crapp with assault and battery, if I understand it?" said the magistrate.

"Yes, your honor," replied Mr. Washburn, "but with indirect assault and battery—not direct."

"State your case."

"The defendant here, Professor Crapp is a horse tamer. He came to our neighborhood about three weeks ago and advertised to teach any one in eight lessons how to tame the wildest horse in the world I became one of his pupils. He revealed all his secrets to me. We practiced on several horses, and beat drums and suddenly opened umbrellas before them and they never flinched after being tamed by Professor Crapp's method."

"A success, was it?" asked the justice.

"To a certain extent only. Day before yesterday I was walking with the Professor down by the canal. There came a mule attached to a boat. It was an unruly mule. It would stop pulling every now and then, and back over and feel around with its hind legs and try to kick the boy who was driving over into the canal. I asked Professor Crapp if he thought he could subdue the vicicity of that mule, and he said he was sure I could."

"And you did?"

"Well, I got the captain of the boat to agree, and we unhitched the mule and I got some rope and approached the animal. I noticed a kind of a convulsive movement of his hind leg, and Professor Crapp was just saying that it must be stung-bait, when the limb flew out sort of suddenly and the next minute they were fishing me out with a fence rail."

"What did the Professor say?"

"He said I had violated his Rule Eleven by moving on the mule from the rear. So I came at the animal this time from the front; and I had just stooped to put the rope on its fore leg when the mule leaned over, shut his teeth on my coat collar, and for a minute I didn't know whether there was an earthquake or a gunpowder explosion. As soon as my coat „gave" the captain lifted me away, and the professor said:

"Don't Rule Twelve expressly say never come at a mule's head? Why didn't you approach him gently from the larboard sid?"

"Then the professor took the rope, crept up to the animal, and in a minute he had the mule on its knees. It looked calm and peaceful as a baby. The professor said he would trust that mule in a Quaker meeting. So then he asked me to take charge of the case and to exemplify his method."

"You did exemplify it, did you?"

"I took hold of the rope and slipped the loop over my arm so that I could beat a tin pan that the captain got for us. The noise seemed to please the mule. He looked up and smiled a seraphic smile."

"The mule did?"

"Yes, sir. It seemed to thrill him with pleasure. The captain said if one had beat out that pan an hour ago within a quarter of a mile of the mule he would have sent me a whizzing into a better world. And then Professor Crapp told me to try the umbrella trick. I opened my umbrella with a bang right before the mule. The animal looked as if he wanted to go to sleep. I did it again; the mule yawned slightly, and then winked at the boy."

"winked?"

"Yes, So I flapped open the umbrella the third time, when the mule had a kind of a hysterical paroxysm or something, and jumped fifteen feet into the canal."

"Where were you?"

"Tied fast to the mule's leg, of course. And every time the mule moved that leg in swimming I was pulled under water; and when finally it struck out for dry land it hauled me out on the tow-path in about the condition of a boiled carrot. After rolling me on a barrel and pumping me out, the professor asked me if I knew how it happened. He said he had a theory that it was either the wrong kind of umbrella or the wrong kind of mule, and he said he was going to establish a Rule Thirteen to the effect that the practitioner must be careful to select an umbrella with reference to the nervous system of the mule, and a let more bosh of that kind."

"Did you argue the matter with him?"

"I tried to kill him with a piece of brick; but he dodged, and I was too weak to hold him in the canal and drawn him, so I came here to get justice. Can you have him sentenced to death as a personal favor to me?"

"I'm afraid not," replied the magistrate. "I'd like to oblige you; but as the law stands we'll have to let the professor go. The case is dismissed."—New York Weekly.

ENFIELD ITEMS.

EXPLOSION, SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED—DEATH.

ENFIELD, N. C., July 25th, 1879.

On Wednesday evening death took away from us the lovely spirit of Mrs. S. S. Alsop. Ever gentle and retiring, with true womanly modesty, she was well known by few in a community where she had lived but a few years. And yet, no one speaks of her but in admiration and esteem. Her funeral sermon was preached by the pastor in the Baptist church yesterday at 5 p. m. The large and respectful attendance attested the sympathy of our people with the stricken husband. Mrs. Alsop left two children; an infant, born a few hours before her death, was buried in the coffin with its mother. Hers was the first adult's funeral in the church whose lot was donated by herself.

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are in a dreadful condition. Old corn of which there is a good deal, is almost totally destroyed. Till yesterday, when a ten minutes' shower fell, there has been no rain for two months. But our people, old and young, still seem gay. At a picnic in Governor Branches old grove yesterday, there were music, dancing and dining. Joy was unconfined. So we thought. It is proper to be joyous and mirthful, but not always. A funeral and a dance on the same day, in so small a village, seemed incongruous to some; but others, with a sense of propriety quite as well developed, probably, thought differently. Hence the dance, preceding and succeeding the funeral.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

At five and a half o'clock this morning all Enfield was shocked by a report and convulsion that seemed like the fall of a thunder bolt. It proved to be an explosion of the boiler of the engine attached to Mr. Ellis Levy's gin, wood-mill and grist mill. In five minutes mostly the whole town was at the scene of the blow up. The engine-house and wood-room were utterly demolished. Parts of the boiler were thrown a hundred yards, the main piece falling within twenty feet of the dwelling of Mrs Annie Pope; one struck the roof, broke through and lodged on the upper floor. Of the four persons present at the time of explosion, one, Mr. Robert Partin, was killed outright, two negroes were scalded and horribly mangled, dying within an hour, and one in the mill room escaped unhurt. The cause of the explosion is all conjecture, all those about the engine being instantly killed or left unconsious. The engineer was not present; but from the well known carefulness of Mr. Partin, it is presumable that all precaution was taken, the boiler having been filled last night. Most probably the engine was defective. One of the negroes killed was not an operative, but a visitor, may be a customer. The other was fireman. The body of Mr. P. was blown thirty yards, and was terribly broken. The wails of his wife and their children were truly heart-rending. Mrs. P. has the deepest sympathy of all. It is gratifying to know that she will get the benefit of a two thousand dollar policy from the Knights of Honor, of which order Mr. P. was a member. Surely Providence provides; let us head his voice. T.

CRUEL DEVICE.

[Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle.]

A new device for the bedevilment of lovers was operated successfully by a heartless young man on the local train yesterday. A couple sat in the seat before him. The lady was young and modest and the swain were very large cuffs. One arm was thrown carelessly along the the back of the seat and upon this the evil mind of person behind rubbed some phosphorus. The affectionate performances of that cuff, when the train was rushing through the kindly darkness of the tunnels, were beheld by all the unfeeling and snickering occupants of the car, whose cruel enjoyment was not a little increased by the demure and unconcerned appearance of the lovers each time the train bounded again into light.

OCEAN VIEW HOTEL, JAMES H. POOL PROPRIETOR, BEAUFORT, N. C.—This house is now open for the reception of summer visitors. A good bar, bathing houses, etc., are attached to the house. Sailing boats in attendance for the accomodation of guests. A steamer will also land passengers at the hotel wharf, and take excursion parties to any point on the harbor. The table will be supplied with the best the market and water afford. Terms of board $1.50 per day, $10 per week; $30 per month. We will not "blow our own horn;" but will be pleased to have others do so for us. Goldsboro Mail, Messenger, Winston Journals, Tarboro Southerner and Durham Plant copy one month.

MARKETS.

WELDON, N. C. July 31, 1879.

Cotton—Middling	11¼
Sugars,	7@11½
Coffees,	10@30.
Flours from	$5@8.
Bacon, per pound	5½@6½.
Salt per sack,	$1.65.
Butter per pound	25c.
Lard	9c.
Molasses per gallon,	22@25c.

NORFOLK, VA. July 31, 1879.

Cotton—Middling	12c.
Good ordinary	11¼.
Corn, per bushel,	50c.
Oats, per bushel	40c.
Flour, Superfine	4.25.
" Extra	5.25.
" Family,	6.00.

PETERSBURG, VA. July 31, 1879.

Cotton—Middling,	12c.
Low Middling,	11¾.
Good Ordinary,	11¼
Pork per pound	4c.
Bacon—shoulders per lb	5c.
" Sides,	6¼@6¾.
Flour, Family,	$6.00@6.50.
" Extra,	5.75@6.00.
" Super,	3.50@4.50.
Sugar, Granulated per lb.	7¾.
" A's	8¾@9c.
" Yellow,	6¾@7¼.
Coffee, Rio per lb	11@15.
" Laguayra,	13@15c
" Golden Syrup	25@35c.
Molasses—Sugar house per gal	20@21.
" New Orleans,	35@45.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

$300 A month guaranteed. $12 a day at home made by the industrious. Capital not required; we will start you. Men, women, boys and girls make money faster at work for us than at anything else. The work is light and pleasant, and such as any one can go right at. Those who are wise who see this notice will send us their addresses at once and see for themselves. Costly Outfit and terms free. Now is the time. Those already at work are laying up large sums of money. Address TRUE & CO., Augusta, Maine.

FOR SALE.

The following valuable real estate lying near Tillery's Mill, in Halifax county about nine miles from the town of Halifax.

About 360 acres including steam engine, saw mill and fixtures, gin, gin house and fixtures, adjoining the residence of J. R. Tillery.

Mike Wilkins, that contains about 97 acres.

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½ interest in Wade H Tillery tract, the whole containing about 377 acres.

Apply to T. N. HILL, Attorney.

Halifax N. C. july 31tf

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BANKRUPT SALE.

I shall sell for cash at the court house door in Halifax, on the 4th day of August 1879, the reversionary interest of Robt. O. Burton Sr., bankrupt, in the tract of land now occupied by him as a homestead, and containg about 322 acres.

G. L. HYMAN, Assignee.

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The fall term opens first Monday in August 1879. The price of board and tuition is $65 to $70 per session of twenty weeks.

☞For circular and particulars address the Principal. L. W. BAGLEY.

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$1500 To $6000 a year, or $5 to $20 a day in your own locality. No risk. Women do as well as men. Many make more than the amount stated above. No one can fail to make money fast. Any one can do the work. You can make from 50cts. to $2 an hour by devoting your evenings and spare time to the business. It costs nothing to try the business. Nothing like it for money making over offered before. Business pleasant and strictly honorable. Reader, if you want to know all about the best paying business before the public, send us your address and we will send full particulars and private terms free; samples worth $5 also free; you can then make up your mind for yourself. Address GEORGE STINSON & CO., Portland Maine.

SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES.

I shall on Monday August 4th 1879, sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the town of Halifax to pay taxes for the year 1879, one tract of land containing (92) ninety-two acres more or less, belonging to the estate of Littleberry Wilcox, deceased, adjoining the lands of F. J. Cheek, Mrs. M. W. Smallwood and others, Weldon Township.

L. M. LONG, Col.,
W. L. Long depty.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of George W. Owens, deceased, before the Judge of Probate for Northampton county, I hereby notify all parties holding claims against said Owens to present them to me duly authenticated on or before the 1st day of July 1880, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Owens, are required to make immediate payment.

I further give notice that by virtue of the power vested in me as said Executor, I shall on each and every Saturday, commencing Saturday July 12th 1879, sell for cash at public auction at the store-house of said Owens in Halifax town, a valuable lot of goods, wares, and merchandise and other perishable property belonging to the estate of said Owens. I shall continue said sales until further notice, or said property is disposed of. JOHN T. GREGORY,

Halifax N. C. Executor.
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$50 REWARD

$25.00 apiece, for the two prisoners that brok jail at Halifax on the 11th of July. One Jack Tines or Burgess, height 5 feet 8 inches, weighs 145 pounds, bright ginger cake color, close cut hair, quick speech, sharp black eyes, is thought to be in the neighborhood of Littleton, when he was first caught.

One Moses Manly; height five feet six inches, weighs 169 pounds, is of a near white color, close built, course straight black hair, a few black whiskers about the mouth, large black eyes slow in speech, was from Faucetts township near Darlington, is thought to be in that neighborhood now. J. T. DAWSON,

Sheriff of Halifax county.

July 17tf.

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GREAT REDUCTION OF PRICES.

I propose to give to the patrons of Piedmont Nurseries, the benefit of the travelling agents' commissions on my Nursery Stock, consisting of Fruit Trees, &c., and have reduced the price 50 per cent. Apples and Peaches, 1st class, 3 to 4 feet; fine improved Fruits as are grown in North Carolina, and ready for inspection. Reference given to any Nurseryman in Gilford county. Peaches and Apples running from the earliest to the latest varieties. Trees will be packed in good strong boxes or bales, and delivered to Railroad Depots or Express Offices without any extra charge for boxes or delivery. I will furnish at the following low rate: Peaches and Apples in any quantity, improved fruit, 10 cents each. Pears, Plums, Apricots, Nectarines Quince, Crab Apples, Figs, Cherries 33 cents. Ornamental Trees, Roses and Flowers will be sold cheaper than can be sold by any Nursery in North Carolina. Cash to accompany the orders. Any one not having cash may fill out a note to accompany order, signed by purchaser, to be paid when trees are delivered at depot specified by purchaser. Note to accompany trees and paid when trees are delivered, purchasers pay all freights on same. Trees will be shipped in November and purchaser notified when to meet them. Persons ordering will state plainly where to ship. Name the depots. Letters of inquiry answered cheerfully. Orders solicited and satisfaction guaranteed. Send in orders at once.

M. C. DIXON.

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